

JULIAN COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 9th, 2019

Chairman Pat Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Present: Pat Brown, Chair; Kiki Skagen Munshi, Secretary; Herb Dackermann, Eric Jones, Keith Krawiec, Rebecca Morales, Katherine Moretti, Kenny Mushet

Absent: Bob Redding, Vice Chair; Woody Barnes, Rudy Rikansrud (all excused) Herb Dackermann

B. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of August 12th, 2019

Moved: Moretti

Seconded: Morales

Vote: Postponed till next month

C. Approval of the agenda

Moved: Morales

Seconded: Jones

Vote: Unanimous

D. Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction and items on the posted agenda.

Electric Charging Stations: There was an inquiry to Munshi about electric charging stations. There are some in Santa Ysabel and Eric Lardy from the County said they are working on a report going to Board on Sept. 25, and will have some discussion on charging stations. The County is going to install some, but private property owners can and are also installing them. New houses can get some greenhouse gas credits for doing it.

E. Action Items

1. Agricultural – Required Open Space – Clearing; Eric Lardy & County Staff

Eric Lardy and Time Vertino from the County Advanced Planning, CSD Planning and Development Service said the County is currently looking at an agricultural clearing project description and wanted to present their plans to the group.

The County Board took action on housing affordability and there was an update to grading ordinance. Supervisor Jacob asked that they look at agriculture as relates to the grading ordinance. Today clearing and ag are on same page. There was a handout with more information.

Mushet asked how it would pertain to a 7/24 permit for scraping brush and burning. Lardy asked how many years it was going on and whether dirt was being moved. Mushet said taking brush off so it would be grazing land.

If property that has been being grazed for at least three of the last five years, don't need a permit.

Moretti pointed out that if ranchers aren't allowed to clear land, the result is dangerous brush buildup for fires.

Munshi said that it should be different if there weren't planting after brush clearing, but that native grasses would simply come back.

Lardy noted that last time the ordinance was updated was 2000.

Moretti said fencing out riparian areas allowed invasive thistles to come in and choke the waterways

Lardy gave Moretti contact information and they said a meeting would be set up to talk about what ranchers have learned over the past 100 years about land stewardship.

Lardy also said they are in the collecting of information stage and eventually the draft new ordinances will be circulated.

Brown said JCPG would discuss this and send some formal recommendations.

Lynn Jarman from the audience asked about a time frame for comments. Lardy said through the end of this year.

Lardy said if there were sections of code that didn't make sense, it would be helpful to know about them and have recommendations.

2. Spencer Valley School – Initial study for added building (7,832 Ft.2)

Tom Silva of Tom Silva Consulting handed out a page describing at length what they were doing and the plans for the project project. He said the new building would visually match the existing style of buildings. They are working with County, State and fire marshal. They have to have both State and Local fire marshalls sign off. They will do the project in phases and will start with circulation and parking. The architect will submit his plans for approval at the end of this month.

Brown asked if they were exempt from local planning group approval. A long answer ended up indicating not quite, yes, no. Don't need to but will coordinate.

Mushet asked about leach field. A long answer indicated that they don't know yet.

Pat said that you can't have any leach field within 150' of a well. Silva hadn't realized this and was glad to have the information.

Jones asked about light pollution. Silva said they were going to keep it down.

They have consulted with CalTrans.

About 4 acres came with the house. It's deep, goes down to the creek.

They will come back to present the plans next meeting, October 14.

3. Open Space – Fire

Passed on this. Will leave this on for next meeting. Should get County Parks involved.

F. Group Business

1. Announcements and correspondence received

2. Discussion items

a. Caltrans – Julian to Ramona

b. 2nd Street

County is going to do a traffic count on 2nd St. Also looking at Cape Horn/2nd St. intersection. And looking at a stop sign on the cul de sac going over the hill. Engineering Dept. is looking at possible improvements there.

Mushet said he had heard things had been marked out for repair on County Roads but they may not get to all of it.

c. PLDO Funds

Brown will turn our recommendations from the last meeting into the County.

d. Julian Septic Plant

There is a chance there may be more leeway in what is allowed. The County is talking about funding needed improvements to two holding ponds.

e. Special Event Ordinance

Sent letter in

f. Cell Tower - Small Cell Wireless Facility

No comment.

3. Subcommittee reports

4. Meeting updates

a. BOS and PC Hearings

b. Future Group Meeting Dates (October 14th, 2019)

G. Adjournment

Moved: I Morales

Seconded: Mushet

Vote: Unanimous

The Julian Community Planning Group (JCPG) is a voluntary organization representing the community. The function for the JCPG is advisory to the County Planning Department, Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding land use matters.

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